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SUBJ: GUINEAN MINISTERIAL CHANGES

1. ACCORDING TO GUINEAN AND WESTERN SOURCES, FOLLOWING
MINISTERIAL CHANGES WERE EFFECTED ON DECEMBER 11:

2. MOUCTAR DIALLO, FORMER MINISTER OF POST OFFICE
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, IS NOW ASSIGNED AS MINISTER
OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN N'ZEREKORE(FOREST GUINEA).
(COMMENT: DIALLO IS THE SECOND-RANKING FOULAH (PEULH)
IN GOG AFTER SIAFOULAYE DIALLO. HE WAS AMONG PROMINENT
FOULAHS WHO GAVE DEMEANING DENUNCIATIONS OF FOULAH
"RACISM" DURING PRESIDENT TOURE'S "ANTI-PLOT" CAMPAIGN
THIS YEAR. DIALLO SERVED IN N'ZEREKORE BRIEFLY IN
1973-74 ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, BUT UNDER PRESENT
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION THE SEVEN REGIONAL MINISTERS
OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE NEW AND BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES.
THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A DEMOTION. IN
1967-71 DIALLO GAVE EMBOFFS IMPRESSION OF BEING
"MILITANT" AND NOT PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY TOWARD
WESTERNERS. HOWEVER, SEVERAL WEST EUROPEAN EMBASSIES
IN TOUCH WITH HIM RECENTLY HAVE TAKEN EXACTLY OPPOSITE
VIEW AND REGARD DIALLO AS ONE OF MOST OPEN, ACCESSIBLE
IF NOT PRO-WEST OFFICIALS ON CONAKRY SCENE.)

3. MAMADOU(OR AMADOU) BAH, UNTIL NOW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF "VOICE
OF THE REVOLUTION" RADIO, BECOMES MINISTER OF POST
OFFICE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPLACING DIALLO.
(COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PROMOTION TO MINISTERIAL
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RANK FOR BAH, WHO HAS RISEN IN EDUCATIONAL-IDEOLOGICAL

SECTOR (FORMER GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF KANKAN POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE) AND WHO HAS BEEN GENERALLY UNCOOPERATIVE AND DISTANT IN EMBASSY'S LIMITED CONTACTS WITH HIM. OBSERVERS PLACE HIM AMONG PDG "RADICALS.")

4. IBRAHIM A BAH, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECOND EDUCATIONAL CYCLE, BECOMES MINISTER OF INTERNAL COMMERCE. (EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON BAH.)

5. MOUSSA SANGUIANA CAMARA, FORMER MINISTER OF INTERNAL COMMERCE, BECOMES GOVERNOR OF FRIA. (EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON CAMARA.)

6. KOUROUMA LAYE (SIC), FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CLOTHING MANUFACTURE, BECOMES DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ALIMAG, PRIME ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD SUPPLIES FROM ABORAD, REPLACING DAOUDA KOUROUMA, FOR WHOM GOG IS SEEKING AGREEMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO US.

7. GOG RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ON DECEMBER 14 REFERRED TO EL HADJ ABDOULAYE TOURE, FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, AS MINISTER OF EXCHANGE DOMAIN. THUS, TOURE REPLACES THE PURGED DR ALPHA OUWAR BARRY AS INCUMBENT IN THIS SENIOR POST. LATTER WAS ALSO MEMBER OF SEVEN-MAN NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU BUT TOURE MENTIONED ONLY AS MEMBER OF CONTRAL COMMITTEE. HARROP

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